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**Blue Star Moms Preparing
Quarterly Goody Boxes, Looking For Donations**

February 9, 2012 (Reno, NV) - The [Truckee Meadows Blue Star Mothers NV #3](#) are gathering items for inclusion in "goody" boxes destined for local military personnel currently deployed overseas. They'll be having a packing party at [Walton's Sparks](#) location (1745 Sullivan Lane) on Saturday, February 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"All of our donations go out to military personnel from our area," explained Gwen Jensen, president of the Truckee Meadows chapter. "Of course we send things to our own sons and daughters, but we go much further than that - we also adopt any service personnel we hear about needing a little support from home. We anticipate preparing 30 boxes this month."

"We're gathering things they can't get where they are," Jensen said. Though canned goods, candy and microwave popcorn are always popular, Jensen says they're also sending bungee cords (so they can fasten back packs to their trucks) and knit caps that they wear under their helmets. "It gets pretty cold out there," she says. The Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada has already donated 17 cases of cookies for the soldiers, and residents are welcome to buy more and donate them to the cause. "That way they're helping two organizations at the same time," Jensen says. The group also appreciates donations of money. "It costs us about \$50 per box, which covers packing materials, items and shipping," Jensen says.

Anyone interested in donating can drop off items at any [Walton's location](#) or contact Jensen at bngjensen@att.net. For more information about Blue Star Mothers visit www.bluestarmomsv.org.

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